

Ravenna Council meets

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over a thousand dollars on office supplies since the first of the year.

Flinchum said she would be happy if the receipts were just laid out on the table during the meeting in case anyone wanted to look at them. She didn't feel comfortable voting on a financial report until she could see proper documentation.

Mayor Tipton said that she would visit Powell at Irvine and find out how they do their financial report and they would discuss it next month. The council agreed to table the discussion until August.

Councilwoman Tammy Howell said she thought it was a good idea to have those available as well.

A question was also brought up about the allotment of \$52,000 within the

budget for police officers. Flinchum asked why that number was so high when the city only has one officer and his salary is \$35,000 per year.

Mayor Tipton said that was what was budgeted when the city had two officers and that they kept it the same in case the city decided to hire another officer.

Councilwoman Amy Crowe added that the budget is just an estimate of what the city will spend each year, that it's not actual figures.

Tipton agreed and said that if the money wasn't budgeted and White had to work overtime or they hired another officer and the city goes over their budget in that area then they would be penalized for it.

Fire Chief David Harvey reported two fires at the same address in the month

of June. According to his report firefighters were called out to 112 Second Street on two separate occasions where someone was burning household furniture. The unknown person said they were unaware that they were doing anything illegally.

The council discussed updating the ordinance books. Flinchum said that she would be more than glad to go through the ordinance books and pull out any that were irrelevant. She said she had also been told that there was a couple of men who did this and provided those services free of charge.

Howell nominated Vicki Horn to fill the vacant seat on the council. All council members were in agreement. Horn will fill the seat of William Van Cleve who submitted his resignation last month.



The BB&T Bank Building on Broadway.

Fiscal court announces plans to purchase BB&T Building

The BB&T Bank Building on Broadway may become the Estill County Courthouse Annex.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson announced the possible purchase at Monday's special fiscal court meeting.

He said he has been in negotiations with BB&T for two months. The bank closed on April 12 of this year.

Watson said the building is appraised at \$335,000. It has been offered to the county for \$270,000.

"It's on the tax roll for a lot more," according to Watson.

"We're short of room in the courthouse," Watson said.

The county attorney, commonwealth's attorney, and probation and parole are in three other buildings in downtown Irvine.

If the offices were relocated in county owned property, the county would receive

rent from then.

The fiscal court paid \$10,000 in earnest money to local realtor Ron Newlin at the court meeting.

Earnest money is paid to a licensed realtor, and it is used as an escrow deposit or a good faith offer.

Watson said the building must be inspected before the purchase is finalized.

He said the bank building has a dry basement, two regular floors, and two bank vaults.

"We've got some other plans we can do with it," he stated.

Final approval was given to the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget for a total of \$12.5 billion.

Budgets are based on good estimates. Watson said the Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) fund might increase because of coal several tax monies.

Crawford gives EDA updates

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Joe Crawford of Estill Development Alliance attended the Irvine council meeting on Monday night to brief members on what has been going on in the county.

Crawford began by reminding the council that July 27th is the scheduled date for "Weekend on the Water" hosted by the Estill Action Group. He said that on that day there could possibly be a ceremony making the county an official trail town which is

what they have been working towards for several years.

The River City Players have a youth production coming up for those that are eighteen and under. He said the whole production will be done by the youth including the props. Tryouts will be held on July 12th and 13th.

Crawford said that this past Friday the monthly Moonlight Market was held and despite the heat there was a good turnout. He added that one of the events had been previously cancelled

due to severe weather in the area.

In August the Jenkins Twins are scheduled to perform and hopes for a good turnout that night as well.

A first reading of a zoning ordinance and a second reading of a zoning amendment was approved by the council.

Police Chief Brad Smith gave his monthly report for the month of June which included three drug busts, three DUI's, and several mutual aid calls.

Local Police Activity Reports

Rebecca Carroll, 45, of Opossum Run Road, Irvine was charged with fourth degree assault and lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail on July 7 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

Deputy Josh Rison charged **Jeffrey Estes**, 36, of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine with second degree disorderly conduct at Save-A-Lot.

IPD Officer Jason Conrad charged **Jacob Harrison**, 27, with fourth degree assault (domestic violence) minor injury with assault of his mother.

A Madison County Circuit Court bench warrant was served on **Tracey L. Harrison**, 41, of Broadway on July 4 by Officer Conrad.

Mark N. Worrell, 40, of Reges Road, Irvine was arrested July 2 by Irvine Police Chief Brad Smith on Broadway.

The chief said he noticed a male driving erratically on Main Street, stopping in the middle of the street, and littering.

The driver allegedly failed Field Sobriety Tests. The chief said he admitted to using meth a few days earlier and suboxone a few hours before the traffic stop.

Officer said they located two used needles inside the passenger compartment of Worrell's car.

Worrell was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence and drug paraphernalia.

Billy Gross, 28, of Broadway was charged July 7 with public intoxication of a controlled substance by Officer Conrad.

Jeffrey T. Logsdon, 45, of Thomas Road, Irvine was cited during a traffic stop made by Officer J. Kearns.

Logsdon was charged with speeding 26 mph or greater than limit, failure to wear seat belts, driving DUI suspended license (second offense, and fail-

ure to produce insurance card.

Angel F. Webb, 21, of Watson Ridge Road, Ravenna was cited for operating on a suspended license on July 4 by Deputy Chris Coffey.

Kyle E. Rose, 54, of Beattyville was served with a bench warrant from Estill District Court on July 8 by Deputy Josh Rison. The warrant says that Rose failed to comply with KDP after being found guilty of traffic offenses. No bail was set.

Harold R. Neal, 42, of Red Lick Road was served with a bench warrant on July 8 by Deputy Josh Rison. Neal had failed to appear in Estill District Court on a charge of theft by deception including cold checks under \$500. No bail was set.

Sheriff Chris Flynn served a probation violation warrant on **James P. Tipton**, 41, of James

Street, Irvine on July 6. The warrant says Tipton failed to complete substance abuse treatment. He was held without bail on the circuit court warrant.

Jacquelyn Neal, 31, of Ida Grace Road, Irvine was served with an Estill District Court bench warrant by Sheriff Flynn. It says she failed to appear on an alcohol intoxication charge. No bail was set.

Charles Walling, 50, of Waco as served with a district court warrant on July 6 by the sheriff. It says he failed to appear in district court on a theft by unlawful taking - shoplifting charge.

Jamie Purdue, 35, homeless of Irvine, was charged with public intoxication on July 7 by Deputy Coffey.

Aaron Stone, 20, of Old Meddford Lane, Ravenna was served a

warrant on July 7 by Deputy Coffey.

Joshua G. Rose, 27, of Kirkland Ave., Ravenna was served with two warrants on traffic offenses by Deputy Coffey on July 6.

A bench warrant from Estill District Court was served on **Avonna Cox**, 45, homeless of Irvine by Sheriff Flynn. The warrant says that Cox failed to appear on charges of failure to dim headlights, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense.

Anthony Kirby, 44, of Sandhill Road, Irvine was cited July 4 for violation of an EPO/DVO. The citation states that Kirby was found at 542 Sandhill Road, and a person living there had obtained an EPO or DVO against him.

Deputy charges two for meth trafficking

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Nutter was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (greater than 2 grams of methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia buy/possess, and rear license not illuminated.

Brian E. Hall, 47, was the passenger in the vehicle.

Deputy Coffey said he located 2.5 grams of meth and .78 gram of heroin in Hall's shoe. Hall allegedly had \$208 in his possession.

Coffey said the total of methamphetamine confiscated was 42.96 grams. According to the internet, one-fourth gram of meth is usually sold for \$20, making the total estimated

value of Monday's arrest about \$3,436.80.

Heroin is usually sold at 1/10 of a gram for \$15 to \$20. The suspected heroin could have a value of up to \$160.00.

Both Nutter and Hall reportedly told the officers they would not have been caught if they had not wanted to go to McDonald's.

Hall was charged with two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine and heroin), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess.

The two men were lodged in the Three Forks Regional Jail. Bail has been set at \$20,000 cash for each of them.

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